

# Leadership skills valuable for everyone

One of the lessons I learned as a result of my experiences as a military officer is that leaders are very powerful people. However, as we all know power can be used in a variety of ways ranging from outstanding to wicked and I don't need to cite examples because they are all around us and in the news every day.

Leaders who are formally in charge of any organization, large or small, have the power to make a difference. That difference can be positive or negative, large or small or nothing at all. As commander I fully understand my support of an initiative many times will make the difference between that idea moving forward or it being dropped for whatever the reason. Because I understand the effects of power I take my responsibilities seriously.

I have often times told people I am "spring loaded" to concur with ideas or suggestions because I truly believe



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most people put a lot of thought into their ideas before presenting them. Allowing new ideas to move forward generates positive energy and is a

great form of empowerment. Of course, we never want to do anything illegal or stupid, but I find most of the ideas submitted to me are pretty darn good.

Leaders at every level have this same power. It doesn't matter if you are a small shop chief, squadron commander or even Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Whatever the position, you have the power to make a difference. In fact, every one of us has that same power to make a positive difference both in our jobs and in our personal lives.

So take a look around whatever it is you do. Is there room for improvement? Are the people working with or for you being offered the opportunity and resources to succeed? If they are, great. If not, be a leader and use that power to make a positive difference and "Together we will Succeed!"

## Family day set for July

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The 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing annual Family Day celebration will be held Sunday July 14 during the UTA.

The day will begin at 9am with a wing roll call in front of hangar 102. The opening ceremony is scheduled to last about half an hour. During the ceremony the 179<sup>th</sup> will unveil the F-100 monument for the Garden of Heroes.

MG Sullivan will present the unit with the Outstanding Unit Award. The days activities include mini F-16 rides, a smoke safety station, fire arm training simulation, horse drawn wagon rides and other entertainment for children. Blood pressure tests, softball games and unit cookouts are just a few of the other events planned this year.

## Med squadron wins tournament

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The medical squadron survived three straight games Saturday night to capture the first ever 179<sup>th</sup> basketball league championship title. The medical squadron team faced a very good CE (B) in the championship game. The title game was well played and both teams were deserved to be crowned champions.

The clinic had its work cut out for them if they wanted to win. The road to the championship included a win over the previously undefeated APS team. The CE (B) team then beat the previously undefeated CE (A) team to reach the championship game. In the CE (B) semi-final game, Taylor had 41 points and Dan Tack had 22 points to lead the team to victory.

In order for the clinic to pull off the

upset in the championship game, the team needed to control and shut down Taylor & Tack. The clinic team came out aggressive and determined to play good defense. The clinic devised a creative defensive strategy to slow down Taylor. They set up a triangle and one defense. One player was to stick with Taylor while the other three players played a triangle zone defense to control the paint. The strategy worked! Taylor was frustrated and covered like a blanket the entire game. Taylor finished with only 20 points and Tack finished with 18 points.

"Josh White and Joe Welch were assigned to cover Taylor and did a tremendous job," said Col Ronald Stanich, medical squadron commander. "The game came down to free throws."

The clinic team made just enough free throws to win the game. The final score was 59 to 56.